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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

APRIL 29, 2003

According to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, an estimated 2.2 million unauthorized immigrants resided in California in 2000, up from 1.4 million in 1990. This number represented about 32% of the entire estimated unauthorized immigrant population in the U.S. Many rely primarily on the County Public Health care system.

In 1990-91, a report prepared for the Board of Supervisors estimated the cost of health services provided to undocumented immigrants was \$143.4 million. Last year, their health care cost was estimated to be \$342 million--a 238.5% increase. The Federal government has a responsibility to reimburse state and local governments for costs resulting from Federal immigration policies, including the costs of health care services provided to undocumented immigrants.

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In order to address this issue, a guest worker's permit should be established which requires a bond for all individuals entering this country seeking employment. The bond would be used to offset the cost of providing services that are currently not eligible for Federal and State reimbursement.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct Los Angeles County's Washington, D.C. Legislative Representative to work with the United States Office of Immigration to develop a guest worker's permit program, which would require a bond for individuals that enter this country.

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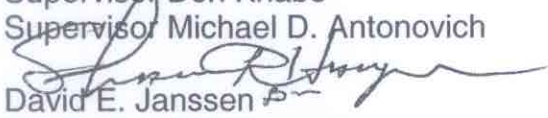
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May 12, 2003

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MOTION TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A FEDERAL GUEST WORKER'S PERMIT PROGRAM--ITEM NO. 14, AGENDA OF MAY 13, 2003

Item No. 14 on the May 13, 2003 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich that the Board of Supervisors instruct the County's Legislative Advocates in Washington, D.C. to work with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to develop a guest worker's permit program, which would require a bond for individuals that enter the country.

There have been no bills introduced in this session of Congress which would establish a guest worker permit program. Existing Federal law provides for temporary worker visas for non-citizens who have special skills or an occupation where there is a labor shortage. These programs have labor market tests, which are intended to mitigate against displacing U. S. citizens from jobs.

Under current law, legal immigrants may be required to post bonds if they, otherwise, are likely to become a "public charge" – that is, receive public cash assistance. Non-cash benefits, such as public health services and medical care other than institutionalization for long-term care, are not subject to public charge consideration. In practice, public charge bonds are rarely imposed on immigrants because they are relatively costly to administer and enforce.

There is no Board policy relating to guest worker permit programs. Therefore, a position on this motion is a matter for Board policy determination.

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